

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

**April 16, 2009**

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** George Rabideau (W3),

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on April 8, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending April 15, 2009 in the amount of \$351,679.54 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of April 9–15, 2009
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from March 26-April 8, 2009
- Report from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of March 2009

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:**

- none -

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## 5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

**RESOLVED:** That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 1,346,915.30 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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## 6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

**Denise Nephew** President of the AFSCME union urges the Council to pass resolutions approving the hiring of two Public Works people and one year-round Laborer position at the Recreation Department.

**Bonnie Miller** of Cumberland Avenue supports the Community Garden. Miller asks the Council to move forward with the Community Garden since it is such a short season and it's almost here.

**Sara Conk** of 3 Roosevelt Terrace is a big gardener and currently lives in an apartment and would love access to a garden.

**Nora Titter** of Tom Miller Road is a master gardener volunteer. Titter said that the Cornell Cooperative Extension is very interested in the Community Garden.

**Mary Ellen Sheemo** of Broadway Road said that the Community Garden will bring people together over common ground. Sheemo said it will give people the opportunity to grow fresh vegetables.

**Shelly Fragalosi** of Williams Street supports the Community Garden. Fragalosi said they need to have water hook up and land to use. It needs to get done soon or there will not be a garden. Most people have their gardens done around Memorial Day and it's a month away. Fargalosi said they hope to raise money.

**Jay Kitner** of 4 Brown Drive said he grew up gardening. It taught him life lessons. Kitner said that Checkerhills Farm donated two shovels to this project. There are 30 households that would be committed. Kitner asked that the City provide land for use, water hook up, waive sewer charges, and give permission to be able to erect a sign. Kitner said it will be a small investment of money and a long term benefit.

**Doug Butdorf** said he has put a lot of hours into creating a Community Garden. Butdorf has tried to be clear and forthcoming. Butdorf said they need action quickly. There are already 21 people who have committed and we plan on 30. Butdorf said they may have trouble paying for the water in the beginning but over time hope to have funds. Butdorf said they would be willing to put that into the contract.

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## 7. OTHER ITEMS

A. Request from the Community Development Office that the Common Council authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the 2009 CDBG Grant Application along with all required certifications.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor to sign and submit the 2009 CDBG Grant Application along with all required certifications.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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B. Request from the City Chamberlain that the Common Council authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for 2008, 2009, and 2010 Professional Auditing Services.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor to sign a contract for 2008, 2009, and 2010 Professional Auditing Services.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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C. Request from the Public Works Superintendent to fill 2 vacant positions.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Public Works Superintendent to fill two vacant positions.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion:

**Councilor Calnon** made a motion to postpone the vote until April 30, 2009.

Second by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Postponed

Follow up Action: None

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D. Request from the Recreational Superintendent for the conversion of two Seasonal Laborer positions into one year-round Laborer position.

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the conversion of two Seasonal Laborer positions into one year-round Laborer position.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion:

**Councilor Calnon** made a motion to postpone the vote until April 30, 2009.

Second by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Postponed

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION**

1. Request from the Plattsburgh Farmers and Crafters Market group to manage the Farmers Market for the 2009 market season from May 16- October 10, 2009.
2. Request from Community Development for the Mayor to sign a subordination agreement for property located at 10-18 Brinkerhoff Street.
3. Request from the Memorial Day Committee to hold a Memorial Day Parade and celebration at the US Oval on May 25, 2009 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
4. Request from MLD to advertise for sealed Bid No. 2009-4-1 “Purchase Revenue Electric Meters.”
5. Request from MLD to advertise for sealed Bid No. 2009-5-1 “Sale of Surplus 1.4/4.16 KV-120/240V Transformers.”
6. Request from MLD Manager Bill Treacy to attend the MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting on April 28-30, 2009 in East Syracuse, NY at an estimated cost of \$438.00.

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## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

**Mayor Kasprzak** set a Public Hearing for the Community Garden project on April 30, 2009 at 5 p.m.

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## **10. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 5:54 p.m.